

Bourton Vale Horticultural Society
Your friendly Garden Club

There was an excellent turnout on Wednesday evening 10th May at the Baptist Church Hall for an inspiring talk from Adrian James about "Three West Country Gardens" – two well-established gardens at Marwood Hall in Devon and Mapperton in Dorset, plus the relatively new Yeo Valley Organic Garden in Somerset. With his excellent photographs and commentary, Adrian reminded us all of the mental health benefits of gardening and visiting the many amazing gardens now open to the public.

The competition for a *Vase of Tulips* proved very popular, with first prize going to Pauline Chaplain for her gorgeous display of a most unusual variety of tulip!

Despite the late spring this year, our gardens and allotments are now starting to make up for lost time so do think about entering our Annual Garden Show, which this year is being held on 9 September at The British Legion Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, with classes for Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arrangement, Photography and a new Children's Section. Show Schedules are now readily available from Hartwells or the Village Information Centre or, alternatively, you can download a copy from the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies website www.gfgs.org.uk/clubs. Or perhaps you might even have time to assist us with the show - if so, we would be delighted to hear from you!

Our next monthly meeting is at the Baptist Church Hall on **Wednesday 12 July from 7.30 pm** when our speaker will be Nicola Hope with her "**Tales from the Potting Shed – Where gardening magic begins**". In addition to the speaker, who will be judging the competition entitled *Roses*, the evening ends with a raffle and refreshments.

With a modest annual membership fee of £15 or £3 per visit, new members or visitors are always most welcome! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like details of this year's programme or an electronic copy of the Show Schedule.

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